

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1866

To amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 12, 1996

Mr. HOLLINGS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Church Arson Preven-
5 tion Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. DAMAGE TO RELIGIOUS PROPERTY.**

7 Section 247 of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) so that subsection (b) reads as follows:

1 “(b) The circumstances referred to in subsection (a)
2 are that the offense is in or affects interstate or foreign
3 commerce.”; and

4 (2) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “, racial,
5 or ethnic” before “character”.

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